

Medical Monitoring Project Community and  
Medical Care  
Provider Involvement/Relationship:  
Texas and Houston Perspective

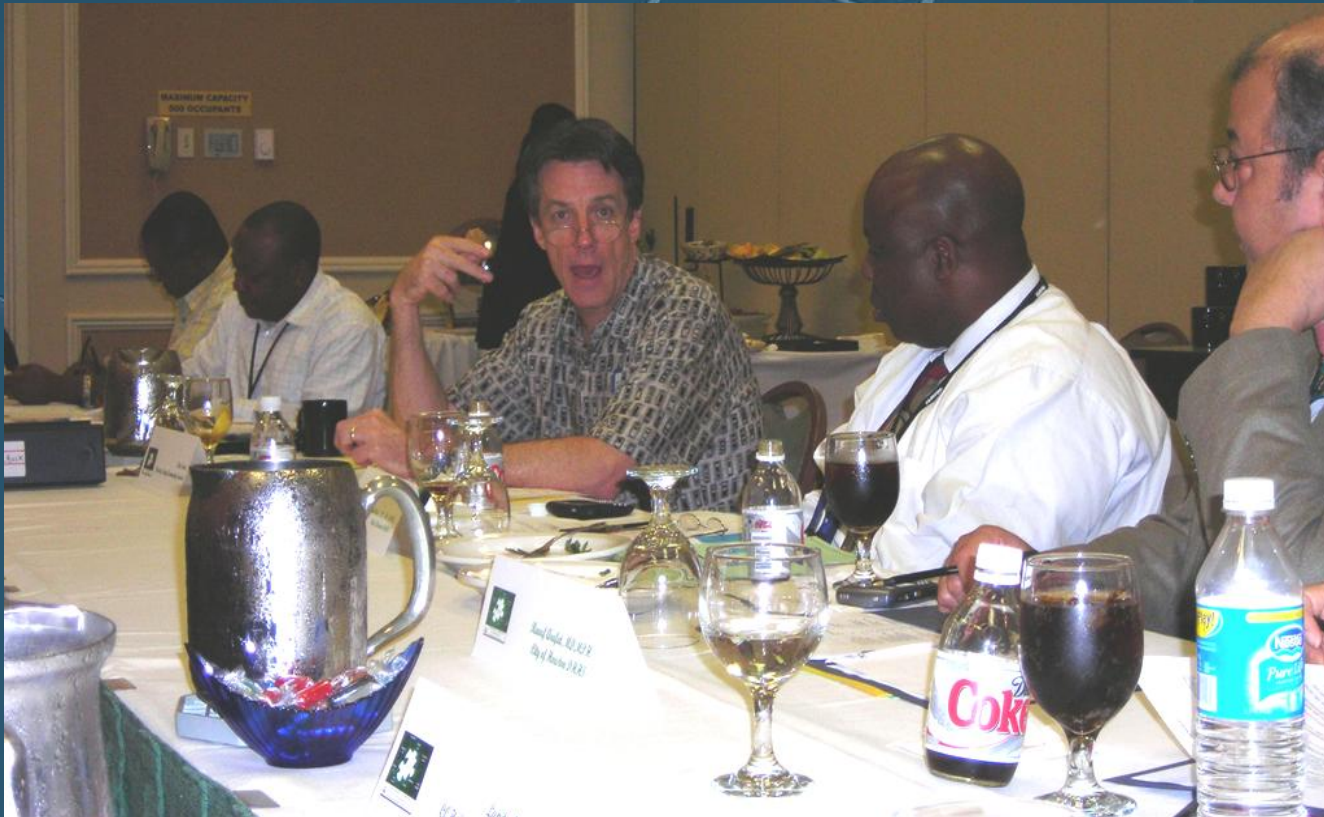


# Approaching Providers

- Formation of CAB
  1. Identifying Stakeholders and NGOs
- Identification of Consultants
  1. Policy makers and experienced leaders of health departments
- Identification of PAB with input from CAB
  1. Polled local providers
  2. Sent invitations to join CAB



# CAB Meeting 11-06



Dan Snare, CAB Chair, discusses strategies for recruiting providers.



# Facility/Provider Contact Strategies

- Community Outreach
- Houston's aim was to form partnerships or collaborations with the HIV/AIDS community and stakeholders.





# Contacting Facilities

- August 2005: sent letters to all 107 identified providers
- September 2005: sent letters to the 25 randomly selected providers
- October 2005: phone calls to the randomly selected providers to setup a meeting and discuss the project
- October 2005: began meeting with providers



# Promotional Strategies

- Local Logo
  1. Poster
  2. Name Tag
  3. T-shirts/Polos
- Newsletter
- Website
- Active Community Involvement



**Treatment**

**Quality  
Care**

**Prevention  
Services**

**Quality of  
Life**

**Y-O-U**

**Respect**

**Adherence**

**Social  
Support**

**Access  
to Care**

**Funds**

**Just one more thing and we can complete the puzzle.**

**Houston Medical Monitoring Project**

**Houston Department of Health and Human Services**

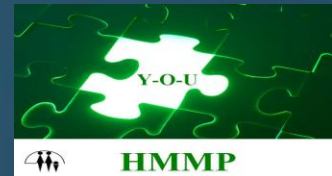




# HIV Prevention Planning Retreat 11-05



Connecting through  
team work and  
communication!





# Project L.E.A.P. Grads 2005



Tai Fasoranti, MD

Osaro Mgbere, PhD

# NATAF in Oaxaca, Mexico 11-05



Tai Fasoranti, HMMP Provider  
Liaison with a resident of Oaxaca.





# Learning, Loving and Living Well 2-06



Lydwina Anderson (HMMP), provided information at this event sponsored by St Hope, Abbott Labs and the Sunnyside Multi-Service Center.



# Learning, Loving and Living Well 2-06



Praise for Gospel Concert



# National African American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2-06



Councilwoman Ada Edwards seen here with Beau Mitts and Michele LaLand of HDHHS and Jeff Campbell of St Hope.





# Letters From The Community

To HMMP,

It was our pleasure to have you visit The Lazarus House. I enjoyed meeting each of you and look forward to working with you in the future. Thank you for the kind words, Michele! The Lazarus House is a reflection of what can happen if people care. God blessed us with a houseful of people willing to care for and serve a community in need. This is definitely a group effort.

Thank you for your time and talent. Your investigation can provide hope for many nonprofit organizations in the future. Your energies are truly appreciated.

I will put your names on our invitation list. We host several fun events, like the upcoming Halloween Party. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any future questions, concerns, or suggestions. You can reach me at 713.526.5071. And please come back and visit us anytime!

God Bless,  
Danielle Sampey, Executive Director







# Letters To The Community

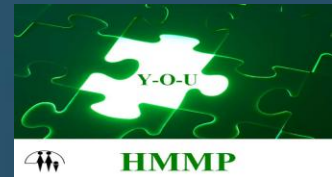
Mr. Snare,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for today's tour of Bering Omega and the Omega House. My co-workers and I were enlightened and impressed by the site of your beautiful facility and encouraged by your steadfastness! We have heard so much about Bering Omega and the Omega House, but never had the opportunity to see for ourselves. Your reputation precedes you.

Your organization positively touches the lives of so many every year. Surely, you are the last resort for many and the first choice for most with various physical, mental, and spiritual needs. We were honored and humbled by this experience and look forward for the next opportunity to visit with you.

Sincerely,

Taiwo O. Fasoranti MD



# HMMP & The State In Training 2-06



A portion of the chart abstraction training took place at the clinic of a local HMMP provider.



# Women and Girls HIV Awareness Day at TSU 3-06



Sam Robinson (Volunteer), Michele LaLand (HMMP), Sharonda Wright of NAACP, and Terri Davis and Garet Barrett (Interns) provide testing, information, and condoms to students.





# AIDS WALK HOUSTON 2006



Health Dept  
Teams Raised  
Over \$6000.



# BEHOLD!

## The Community Monitor

### THE COMMUNITY MONITOR

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF  
THE HOUSTON MEDICAL MONITORING PROJECT

#### THE HIV/AIDS COMMUNITY HAS A VOICE



The Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP) is a special HIV/AIDS surveillance project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with the Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS). The project will link patient reported behavioral data collected by questionnaire with clinical data abstracted from medical charts. These two sources of information will be used to get the most accurate picture of the use of health care services and illnesses experienced by people with HIV/AIDS in Houston and Harris County.

A Local Community Advisory Board (CAB) was established. Representatives from local health care organizations, health planning groups, and community-based organizations comprise the 18 member CAB. Steven Walker, President of SLW Consulting, has been elected as the chairperson of the CAB.

"The CAB will begin by establishing a charter and creating a mission statement," Walker said. "Additionally, it will determine meeting agenda items, provide feedback and recommendations regarding HMMP and develop reports and publications with staff support from HDHHS and a counseling group comprised of leadership from area local health departments," Walker said.

Houston is one of 26 project sites around the nation and Puerto Rico. Information obtained by HMMP will help identify service gaps for people in care for HIV/AIDS and help focus more on provision of preventive services, thus benefiting the HIV infected community.

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#### CAB ELECTS HIV ADVOCATE AS CHAIRPERSON

Steven Walker has more than 15 years of extensive experience as an activist, educator and administrator for public health programs. He is currently chair of the Houston Area EMA Ryan White Planning Council,

which plans and prioritizes services for people living with HIV/AIDS in the Houston area, and community co-chair of the Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS), a coalition of metropolitan areas heavily impacted by

HIV/AIDS. His past experiences include serving as director of the Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation, and manager of HIV Prevention Programs for the Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS).

# The Pulse

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### **Epi staff participates in HIV testing day luncheon**

On May 27 the Windsor Village United Methodist Church hosted a luncheon to recognize National HIV Testing Day. The event, Living Life to the Fullest, was sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim pharmaceuticals. The event ended with a panel discussion followed by free HIV testing. Panelist included Dr Joseph Garba, of Donald R. Watkins Foundation, Barbara Joseph of Positive Efforts, Marjorie Williams from Center for AIDS, and former NFL star Spencer Tillman. During Tillman's presentation, he revealed that AIDS hit home for him when his older brother died some years ago. He used the analogy of the story of Rip Van Winkle. Tillman reminded the audience of how Rip Van Winkle climbed a mountain and noticed a sign of King George on the side of a building. After his 20 year slumber he came down from the mountain and noticed the sign had changed from King George to George Washington. During 20 years so much had changed and Rip Van Winkle missed everything. Tillman wanted to urge the audience not to sleep through the HIV epidemic. Too many residents of our country may wake up HIV positive. Pictured above, from left, Tai Fasoranti, MD Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP), Provider Linson and Michele LaLand, HMMP Investigator with Spencer Tillman, Former NFL (Houston Oilers) and NBC Sportscenter.



### **Gomez named to Spanish translation MMP group**

Congratulations to James Gomez of the Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP). In February 2006, Gomez became a member of the MMP Spanish Translation Working Group. The purpose of this group was to critically review and comment on the MMP Spanish translation of the questionnaire. This questionnaire will be administered to thousands of Spanish-speaking patients across the United States and Puerto Rico. It was imperative that a universal translation of the document be completed so that the Spanish-speaking population may be represented in the project. The Centers for Disease Control recently recognized Gomez with a letter and certificate for his hard work and dedication to his task.



### **WIC to hold walk-in certification sessions in July**

The Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program will hold walk-in certification sessions during July:

- **Saturday July 15** from 8:00 to 10:00 am; 11:00 to 12:00 pm; 1:00 to 3:00 pm  
Aldine WIC - 5198 Aldine Mail Rt. - 281-986-4851
- **Saturday July 15** from 8:00 to 10:00 am; 11:00 to 12:00 pm; 1:00 to 3:00 pm  
Casa WIC - 1809 N. Main St. - 713-547-8029
- **Saturday July 22** from 7:00 to 9:00 am; 10:00 to 12:00 pm; 1:00 to 2:00 pm  
Sunnyside WIC - 4605 Wilmington # 178 - 713-732-5050
- **Saturday July 22** from 8:00 to 10:00 am; 11:00 to 12:00 pm; 1:00 to 3:00 pm  
Alief WIC - 6787 Wilcrest Dr. # A - 281-568-1192



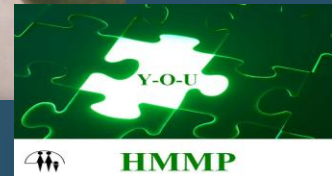


# CAMP H.U.G. May 2006



Michele LaLand (HMMP Staff)  
and volunteer camp counselor.

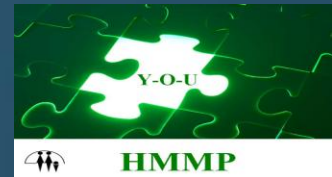
Beau Mitts (HMMP CAB member)  
and volunteer camp counselor.



# National HIV Testing Day 2006



HMMP staff with ABC sports announcer Spencer Tillman.





# Materials Review Panel 8-06



CBOs, private citizens, city employees, and HMMP CAB/Staff met to review brochures on HIV for possible adoption by the HDHHS.



# HMMP Hosts Journal Club 8-06



Dr. Thomas Giordano of TSC presents info to a full house on the complexities of caring for HIV patients.



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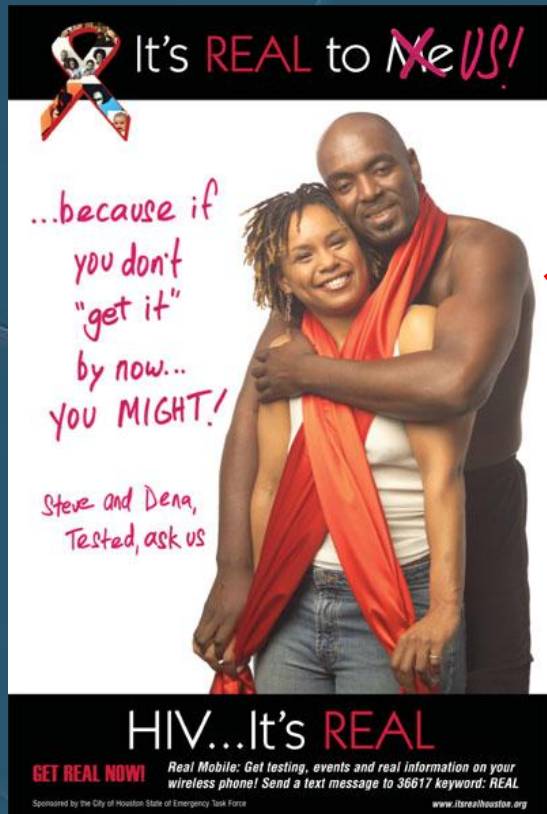


Dr. Giordano and Michele LaLand discuss how important HMMP is to bridging the gaps in our knowledge of people with HIV.





# BET RAP IT UP



All condom packs included a card from the  
*Its Real Houston* campaign.



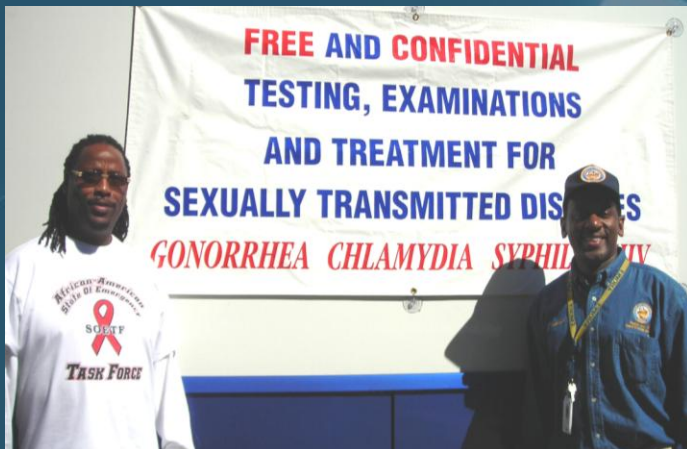
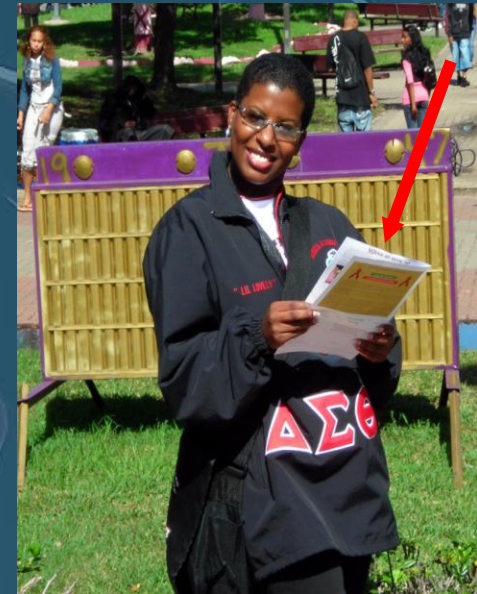




# BET RAP IT UP



Members of SOE conducted surveys and provided information prior to testing. Students received pre- and post-test counseling. Oraquick provided fast results.



The city mobile unit was on site for all STD testing.

HMMP was represented



# HMMP On The Web

[www.houstontx.gov/health/epidemiology/hmmp.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/health/epidemiology/hmmp.html)


HMMP home page

## Houston Medical Monitoring Project (HMMP)

**Why the puzzle logo?**

The idea is that HMMP is putting together a puzzle whose pieces include Access to Care, Quality of Life, Prevention Services, etc.

The piece that is missing is "you" which could be either the provider or patient.



Just one more thing and we can complete the puzzle.

Houston Medical Monitoring Project

**What is the Medical Monitoring Project?**  
The Medical Monitoring Project (MMP) is a special HIV/AIDS surveillance project that is being funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in collaboration with the Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS). Houston is one of 25 state and city sites participating in the MMP. The project will link patient reported behavioral information collected by questionnaire with clinical information abstracted from medical charts. These two sources of information will be used to get the most accurate picture of health care service utilization and illnesses experienced among persons with HIV/AIDS in Houston/Harris County.

**Project Goals**  
The MMP aims to gain a deeper understanding of health-related experiences and needs of people living with HIV/AIDS who receive HIV care in the U.S. The goals of the project are to: 1) provide a wide array of local and national estimates of behaviors and clinical outcomes of persons in care for HIV; 2) describe health-related behaviors; 3) determine accessibility and use of prevention and support services; 4) increase knowledge of the care and treatment provided; and 5) examine variations of factors by geographic area and patient characteristics.

**Significance**  
People living with HIV/AIDS, HIV prevention community planning groups, Ryan White CARE Act planning councils and consortia, providers of HIV care, and other policy makers and service planners may use MMP data for planning activities. MMP will provide valuable state and national estimates of health care utilization, quality of care, severity of need, and effectiveness of prevention messages. MMP data may help estimate resource needs for treatment and services for HIV-infected persons. To be effective, programs must meet the current needs of the population. MMP data will provide contextual information on prevention, care-seeking, treatment, and risk behaviors which will aid in the design and improvement of HIV programs.

**Project Procedures**  
To implement the project, state and local health departments have identified all HIV care providers in their respective areas. A representative sample of these providers is then chosen. The health departments contact all sampled providers and later, patients are randomly selected from those providers. The MMP has two components: a personal interview and medical record abstraction. MMP staff invite each selected patient to participate in a face-to-face interview. The interview takes approximately 45 minutes and includes questions concerning their medical history, use of medical and social services, and

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# In Summary

- Active community involvement is the key to the recruitment of providers.
- Identifying key office personnel is essential to maintaining a close relationship with the provider.
- Effective utilization of CAB facilitates access to providers.
- Educating providers on local confidentiality
- Policies are important in gaining their trust.





# Acknowledgement

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- CAB members and their organizations
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- Texas MMP colleagues



# Questions?/Thank You!

